

# Kakuma Camp & Kalobeyei Settlement, Kenya

1 – 30 September 2019

**191,570**

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement as of 30 September 2019.

**11,815**

New arrivals refugees and asylum seekers registered in 2019.

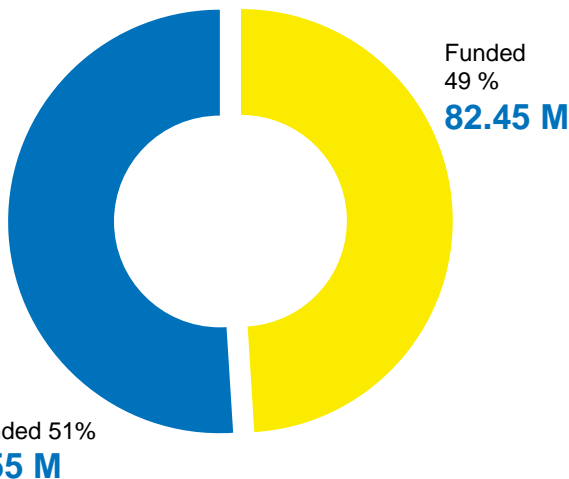
**8,367**

Newly arrived refugees from South Sudan registered in 2019

## FUNDING (AS OF 24 SEPTEMBER 2019)

**USD 170.0 M**

Requested for the Kenya Operation



## HIGHLIGHTS

Refugee athletes from Kakuma compete at IAAF World Athletics Championship in Doha



Rose Nathike, refugee athlete from Kakuma, represents Athletics Refugee Team at the World Championships 2019 Doha. Photo: Courtesy.

## KEY INDICATORS

**6,442**

Households receive monthly cash assistance to cover the cost of soap and sanitary items in Kalobeyei settlement through UNHCR's Cash for CRI programme.

**2,109**

Permanent shelters constructed through UNHCR's Cash for Shelter programme in Kalobeyei Settlement since June 2018.

# Update on Achievements

## Highlights

### **Refugee athletes from Kakuma compete at World Athletics Championship in Doha:**

On 27 September 2019, Rose Nathike, refugee athlete from Kakuma competed in the IAAF World Athletics Championships, DOHA 2019 in the 800M setting her personal best time. Paulo Amotun, also from Kakuma, competed in the men's 1500M race.

<https://www.iaaf.org/competitions/iaaf-world-championships/iaaf-world-athletics-championships-doha-2019-6033/results/women/800-metres/heats/result>

<https://www.iaaf.org/competitions/iaaf-world-championships/iaaf-world-athletics-championships-doha-2019-6033/results/men/1500-metres/heats/summary>



*Paulo Amotun, refugee athlete from Kakuma, represents competes in the men's 1,500M race during the IAAF World Championships 2019 Doha. Photo: Courtesy.*

### **UNHCR and Turkana County Government co-leads KISED P thematic working group for 2019 quarter 3:**

On 23rd - 30th September 2019, the County Government, together with UNHCR, chaired the quarter three KISED P thematic working group meetings in Lodwar which were attended by over 200 participants from Government, private sector, UN and NGOs. The thematic working group meeting was also attended by the new Deputy County Commissioner, for Turkana West Sub County, strengthening the engagement of the National Government.

### **UNHCR continues to support relocation of non-somali refugees from Dadaab to Kakuma refugee camp:**

In September 2019, the Government of Kenya, through the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), commenced the relocation of non-Somali refugees from

Dadaab to Kakuma refugee camp. Thus far, 164 individuals have relocated from Dadaab to Kakuma refugee camp. UNHCR continues to provide support to the Government to ensure safe and dignified relocation process.

**Refugees and host community in Kalobeyei access affordable renewable solar energy:** Kalobeyei Settlement and Kalobeyei Town Solar Mini-Grids were turned on in September and are undergoing a testing period of one month as the Private Developer awaits formal permits from the Energy Regulatory Commission. So far 75 (24 businesses & 51 households) connections have been made in Kalobeyei Town and 222 (78 businesses and 144 households) connections done in Kalobeyei settlement. It is anticipated that once the power is turned on, there will be a high energy demand (power spike) of up to 1000 connections.

**Vodafone Foundation Sponsored Instant Network Schools are Transforming Refugee Lives in Kenya :** Barriers to schooling for refugee become harder to overcome as they grow older with only 3% accessing higher education against a global average of 37%. Closing the gap in refugee education is becoming more urgent and UNHCR has called for partners and Governments to step-up their support to refugee children education. One of the partners that have stepped in the past few years is the Vodafone Group through its foundation supported Instant Network School (INS) implemented in Kenya's Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camp as well 3 other countries in the region.

<https://www.unhcr.org/ke/16059-vodafone-foundation-sponsored-instant-network-schools-are-transforming-refugee-lives-in-kenya.html>

**Cash for shelter programme empowers refugees and their hosts in Kenya :** Millions of refugees and others of concern in scores of countries worldwide have been able to take greater control of their lives since UNHCR began expanding cash-based assistance in 2016. Cash assistance is part of a wider range of initiatives through which UNHCR, in partnership with donor countries, governments and private sector partners are strengthening the new response to refugee situations across the world. Kalobeyei settlement, in North West Kenya, is testament to the impact and resulting benefits of the new approach that seeks to promote socio-economic inclusion and self-reliance for refugees and the host community.

<https://www.unhcr.org/ke/15987-cash-for-shelter-programme-empowers-refugees-and-their-hosts-in-kenya.html>

**Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) president visits Kakuma :** The SNHU president, Paul LeBlanc, and Aspen Ascend fellows visited Kakuma refugee camp on 25th – 27th September 2019. During the visit, president Paul awarded 30 refugees with well-deserved Associate and Bachelor's degrees from SNHU. The president also announced full scholarship for two refugees to study at SNHU in the United States of America.

From the press :

**The women of Turkana county, Kenya, are ready to lead :** When opening a business, refugee women found it difficult to obtain government permits. They needed a travel permit to leave the camp. To access capital, many borrowed money from friends and family. The host community faced similar challenges: only 6% of the women we met had received more than a primary level education, 8% had a business, and a mere 10% had mobile phones.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2019/09/the-women-of-turkana-county-kenya-are-ready-to-lead/>

**2016 Olympics refugee flagbearer sees bright future:** DOHA, Sept. 27 (Xinhua) - Refugee team athlete Rose Nathike Lokonyen did not move beyond the women's 800m heat at the Doha World Championships but sport has moved her life forward toward a bright

future. The 26-year-old South Sudanese finished last in heat 2 but clocked a personal best of two minutes 13.39 seconds on Friday, the opening day of the biennial athletics extravaganza.

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-09/27/c\\_138429245.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-09/27/c_138429245.htm)

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- **Registration:** 11,815 newly arrived refugees have been registered since the beginning of January 2019, of whom 8,367 are refugees from South Sudan.
- **Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep):** Cumulatively, 280 individuals have been assisted to return through the VolRep programme in 2019 of which 125 individuals returned to Somalia and 150 individuals to Burundi and 5 individuals returned to Ethiopia.
- **Resettlement:** Cumulatively, 228 cases of 862 individuals have been submitted for resettlement consideration in Canada, United Kingdom, Sweden, USA, and Australia. Additionally, 573 individuals have departed for resettlement to the USA, Canada, Australia and Sweden in 2019.
- **Complementary pathways:** Since January 2019, UNHCR has facilitated 79 cases comprising of 268 individuals for resettlement through UNHCR's complementary pathways.
- **Youth protection and development:** Southern New Hampshire university conducted an Internship and Networking Fair for refugees and Kenyan SNHU students on the 26 September 2019.
- **Child protection:** Cumulatively, 40 Best Interest Assessment (BIAs) were conducted in September of which 32 BIAs were conducted in Kakuma and 8 in Kalobeyei settlement.

Cumulatively, 38 Best Interest Determination (BIDs) were conducted in September of which 28 BIDs were conducted in Kakuma and 9 in Kalobeyei settlement.



### EDUCATION

#### Achievements and Impact

- Training on Child safeguarding and Protection in school was conducted to 48 teachers (23 female) in Kakuma refugee camp.

- Teachers in Crisis Contexts (TiCC) Training for Primary School Teachers conducted for 75 (17 female) teachers. Training aimed at improving pedagogy in refugee context in Kakuma and Kalobeyei.
- A 5-day Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) teacher training phase two supported by UNHCR was conducted and 100(64 male, 36 female) from grades 1- 4 were trained. The training was conducted by Ministry of Education with officers from Quality Assurance, Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, Teacher Service Commission and Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC).
- 13 refugee Quality Assurance and Standards Officers QASOs (3 female) were taken through their second mentorship training for continuation and monitoring.
- Grade 3 national CBC assessment was successfully conducted in all schools in the camp and results uploaded on the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) portal.
- 420 (210 females) learners from 7 Secondary schools in Kakuma and Kalobeyei participated in Sports for Peace finals held at Brightstar Integrated Secondary School. The teams competed in Football and Volleyball games.
- Registration of students for 2020 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) candidates done and Qualifying examination supported for 50 students. Cumulatively, data for 3,292 (804 Girls) 2020 KCSE candidates from 7 Secondary schools has been entered the KNEC portal.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Inadequate facilities (classrooms, toilets, desks, WASH and play facilities) leading to school congestion and inability to enrol out-of-school children.
- An insufficient number of teachers including a low number of female teachers, limited training opportunities, and low remuneration and motivation, which affects education quality.
- Need for continuous training of ECD and Primary school teachers on the new Competency Based Curriculum.



#### SHELTER AND CBI

#### Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, 213 transitional shelters were constructed for 239 newly arrived refugees to address their immediate shelter needs.
- A total of 94 shelters have been constructed in 2019 to provide a more secure, accessible and durable shelter for persons with specific need including 24 improved shelters constructed in September 2019.

- **Cash Based Intervention (CBI):** 7,642 bank accounts opened for refugees in Kalobeyei settlement since June 2018 and a total of 406 million Kenya shillings distributed to beneficiaries through UNHCR's Cash Based Intervention (CBI).
- A total of 3,216 shelters units have been constructed in Kalobeyei settlement through UNHCR's Cash Based Intervention, CBI for Shelter, programme.
- Since the introduction of CBI for the construction of household latrines in April 2019, a total of 557 Household Latrines have been constructed while 1,578 Households are currently digging their pits in readiness for construction.
- In 2019, on average, 6,422 refugee households (32,463 individuals) in Kalobeyei settlement receive monthly cash assistance for buying soap and sanitary items. A total of KES. 72,671,600 has been distributed to cover the costs of 168MT of soap, 80,704 underwear and 807,040 sanitary napkins.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need for the construction of adequate permanent homes for the over 5,000 families who are currently living in temporary shelters in Kalobeyei settlement.



#### ACCESS TO ENERGY

#### Achievements and Impact

- 1,999 energy saving purpose stoves produced and 1,874 stoves distributed to the new arrivals in 2019.
- 61,900 tree seedlings were produced in September cumulatively in all the tree nurseries and 18,888 tree seedlings were distributed to the refugee community, institutions, green belts and host community.
- An environmental awareness and conservation session was held by the Resource Utilization Monitors and reached about 480 refugees and host community members.

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Households continue to rely predominantly on firewood, charcoal, paraffin and basic solar lanterns for their cooking and lighting needs respectively, with firewood being the main source of energy.
- The availability of affordable and reliable electricity has the potential to stimulate economic growth that will have beneficial spill-over effects that could potentially increase individual revenue hence a higher disposable income.



#### FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

### Achievements and Impact

- Mass screening of children under 5 years for malnutrition was conducted in Kakuma and Kalobeyi reaching to 25,030 children of which 443 were found to have moderate malnutrition and 55 had severe malnutrition. Children with malnutrition were enrolled into the respective nutrition programs.
- Over 263 women were reached through cooking demonstration messages aimed at improving mother's knowledge on locally available foods and choosing appropriate foods and recipes to support their children get optimal health outcomes.
- A total of 46 active mother to mother support groups discussions on maternal infant and young child nutrition reached out to over 635 women and resulted in 236 referrals from the community to health facilities for nutrition or health services.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Food assistance remains far from meeting Recommended Daily Intake of the population and leads to deteriorating nutrition status especially among young children and women.



### Achievements and Impact

- Refugees and host community in Turkana West benefitted from 535 medical consultations and 43 surgeries after UNHCR and AICK facilitated a team of 5 volunteer specialists to Kakuma on 1 – 6 September 2019. The specialists included a pediatric surgeon, pediatrician, obstetrician and gynecologist, physician, and family medicine practitioner.
- The County department of health undertook inspection of all 8 health facilities in Kakuma and Kalobeyi. The inspection generated reports which will be used for application for the registration and licensing of all health facilities in Kakuma by the Medical Board of Kenya. This represents a significant step in having camp facilities integrated into the county and national health system.



## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

### Achievements and Impact

- 95 refugees (46 female) successfully aced Micro-work aptitude test and have hence started micro-works (small tasks of a big project) such as items descriptions for various products and services on Google Captcha through the Tech for Livelihoods project by WFPO and AAHI.
- Fashion and design products made by refugees and host community in Kakuma and Kalobeyei were exhibited at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Turkana Business Exchange Forum from 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019, in Lodwar.
- Disbursed loans worth KES 480,000 to 15 refugee fashion designers. Additionally, five women from each cohort received seed capital to support the start-up of their own fashion and design business. Seed capital ranged from KES. 17,000 -20,000.
- A total of 50 business incubates are currently under business coaching for business improvement and expansion of their existing business.
- 41 young in Kalobeyei settlement have been enrolled into International Computer Driving License (ICDL) training to equip them with digital skills and 52 young women enrolled for handicrafts training through the Leap Project by UN Women.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is inadequate access to credit facilities by refugees, which limits the growth of existing businesses and limits opportunities for new businesses.



## WATER AND SANITATION

### Achievements and Impact

- In order to improve monitoring of wash indicators, the operation has commenced the roll out of real-time WASH monitoring system in Kakuma and Kalobeyei. This is aimed at enhancing accuracy and accountability in the provision of WASH services.
- 385 latrine slabs were produced in the month of September 2019 bringing the cumulative number of slabs cast produced in 2019 to 2000.
- 4 schools in Kalobeyei integrated settlement have benefited from the construction of 52 Institutional toilets aimed at improving hygiene and dignity.
- 26 Training of Trainers (TOTs), drawn from the Ministry of Health and WASH partners were trained on Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS).
- The average water consumption in Kakuma camp and Kalobeyei settlement stood at 20. 4 litres per person per day in the month of September 2019.



- One elevated steel tank with a capacity of 100m<sup>3</sup> was completed in Kalobeyei and connected to the water reticulation system in Village 2. Construction of two more tanks is ongoing in Village 2 and 3

#### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- More resources needed for the construction of household latrines to replace the current communal latrines in Kalobeyei settlement and improve the overall latrine coverage.

## Working in partnership

UNHCR continues to work closely with the Government of Kenya through the office of the Deputy County Commissioner (DCC), Turkana County Government, the Refugee Affairs Secretariat (RAS), and partners to ensure support to refugees and asylum seekers. Monthly Inter-Agency meetings chaired by UNHCR and RAS continue to be held including meetings with refugee representatives in the camp and settlement.

To implement different sectors, since beginning of the year UNHCR signed Partner Project Agreement (PPAs) with 18 implementing Partners, (8 NNGOs and 9 INGOs) as well as a Bipartite Agreement with RAS. In addition, another 12 operational partners also implement activities with their own financial resources to compliment UNHCR efforts in ensuring support to refugees and asylum seekers.

## Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the **Kenya Operation** amounts to **82.45 million** US dollars.

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